

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET  
U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Sansbury-Griffith House  
Survey No.: P.G.:82B-6 (PACS A163)

Property Address 8000 Croom Station Road, Croom Station, Prince George's County  
Owner Name/Address Mary Griffith / 8000 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772  
Year Built circa 1871-1878

**Description:**

The Sansbury-Griffith House was previously surveyed for the Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan in July 1981 and by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in September 1981. The house remains unaltered since the prior survey. The meat house to the southeast has new metal siding and an asphalt shingle roof. To the south of the meat house and trailer are three wood-frame sheds which have collapsed. To the north of the house is a collapsing complex of outbuildings, including three barns, a concrete block garage, a chicken coop and a shed. The wood-frame barns and shed have collapsed, the roof of the garage has fallen and the chicken coop is severely deteriorated.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Sansbury-Griffith House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinctive example of a common building type. Although the main house is in good condition, the associated outbuildings are in a state of ruin and no longer retain sufficient integrity to represent the agricultural heritage of the property. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

**MHT CONCURRENCE:**

Eligibility recommended X not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments:

Suzanne Pickens

07/21/1997

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

*Pickens*  
Reviewer, NR program

7/21/97  
Date

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company  
September 1996

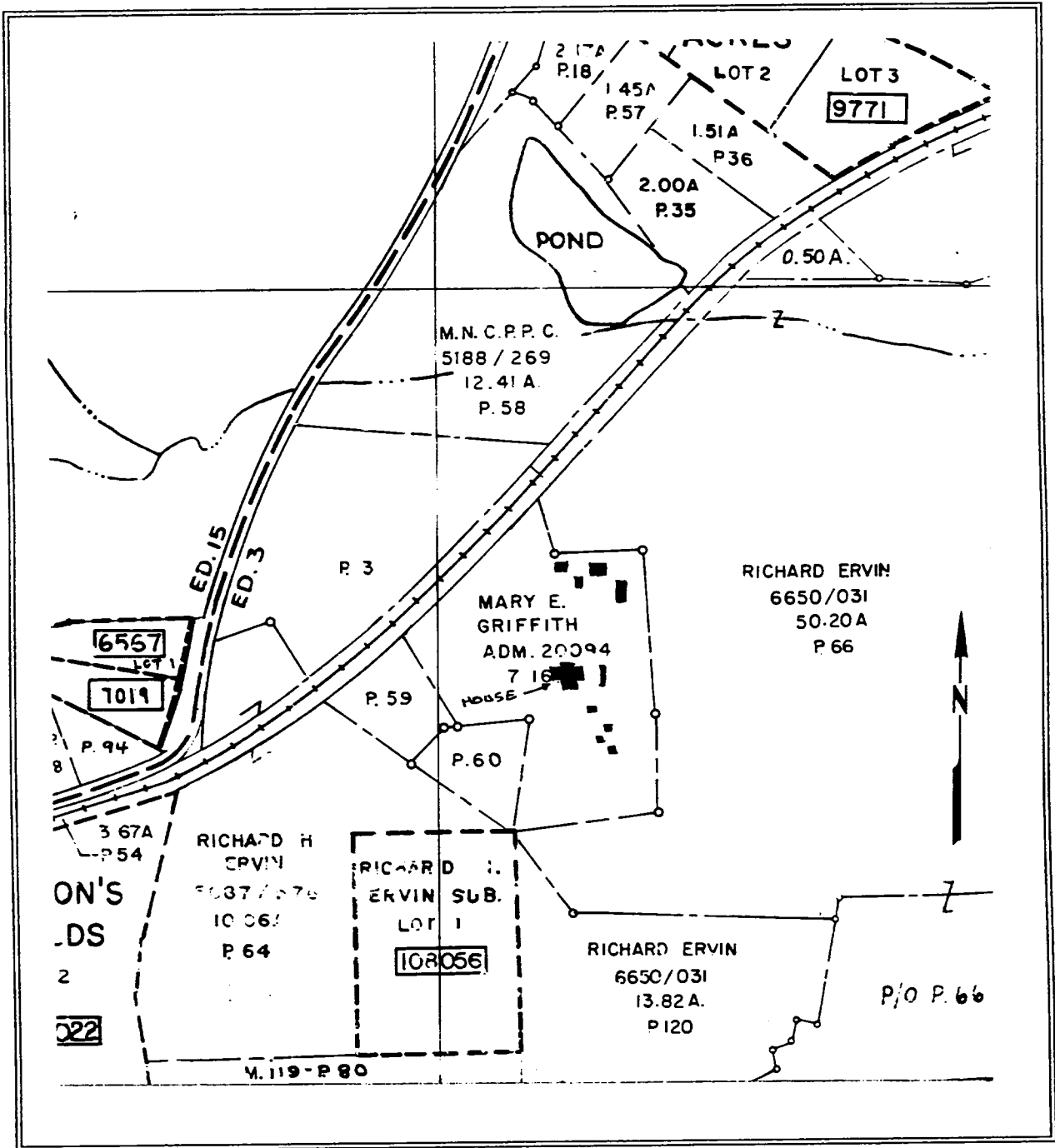
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Resource Sketch Map:



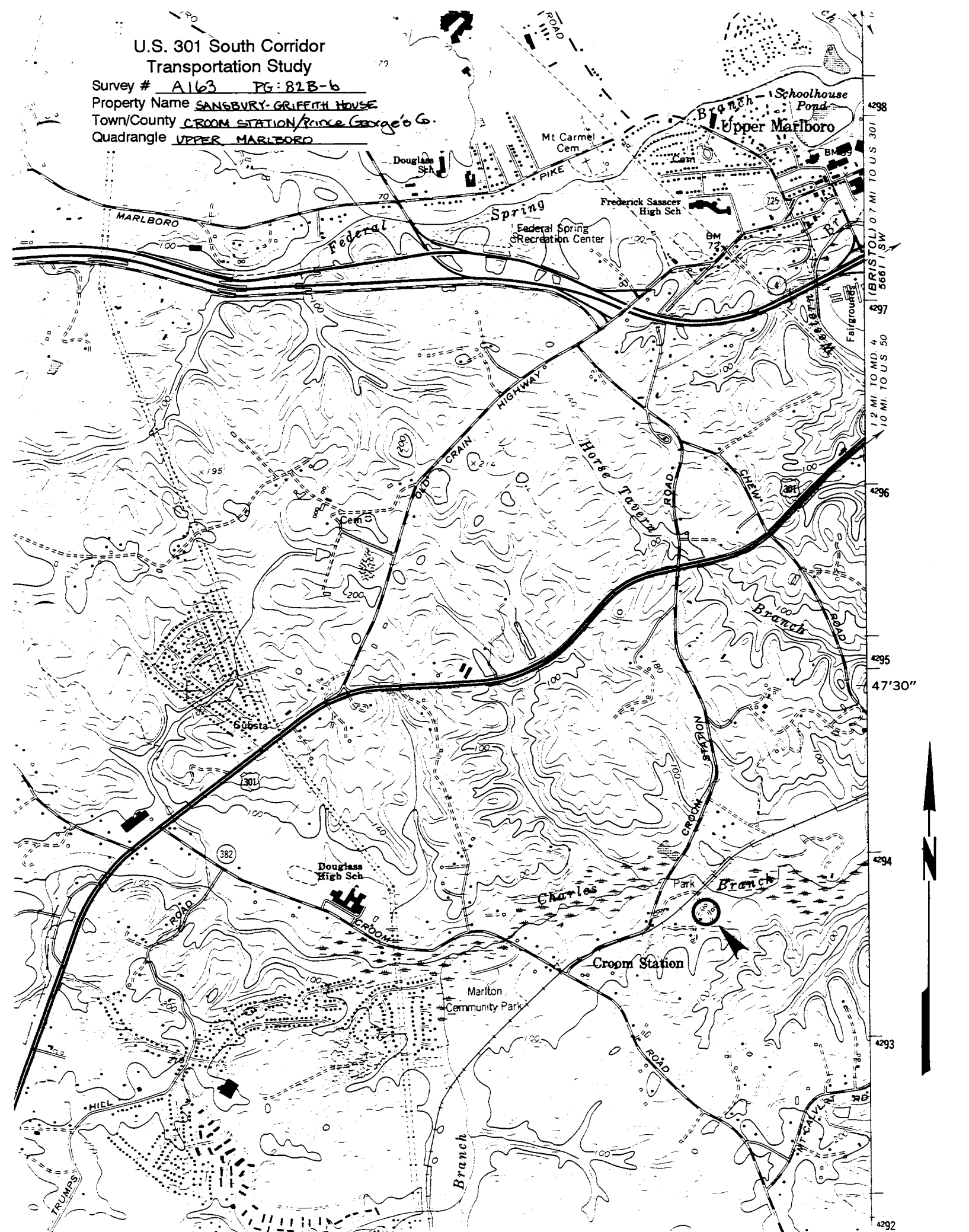
## Transportation Study

Survey # A163 PG: 82B-6

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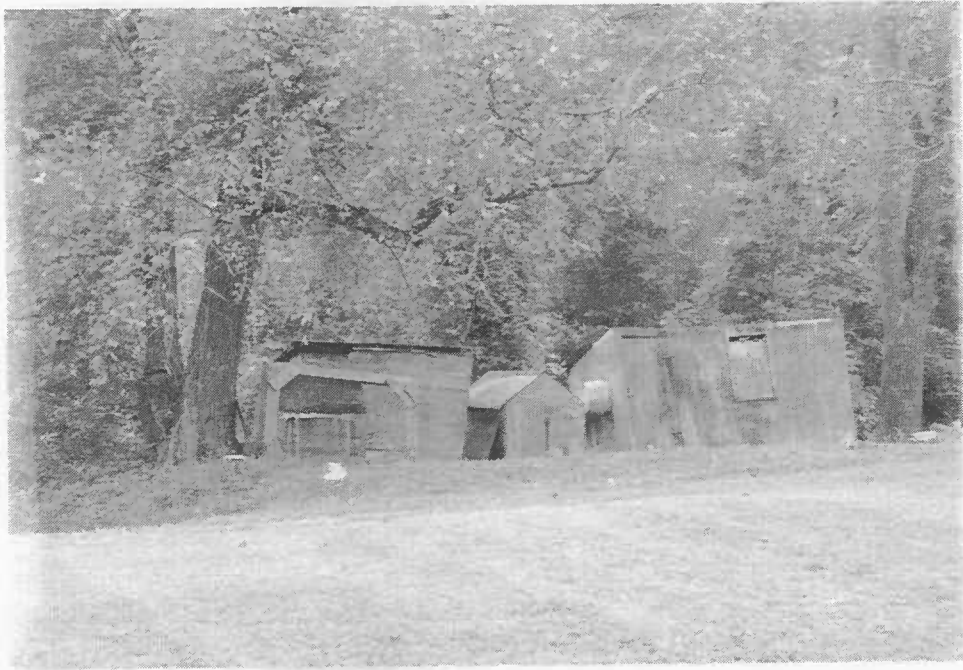
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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #82 B-6 Building Date: ca. 1871-1878  
Building Name: Sansbury-Griffith House  
Location: 8006 Croom Station Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland  
Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Sansbury-Griffith House is on a small hill above the Baltimore and Potomac railroad track running north of the house. The two-story frame, gable roof structure has a "T" shaped plan. The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance and a three-bay, screened entrance porch which turned posts and jigsaw brackets. Two 6/6 double hung sash windows flank the entrance. There are three on the second story. The boxed wood cornice has kicks in the gable ends. The house is German sided and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is asphalt shingled. A small interior corbelled brick chimney is at the gable ridge, just west of facade center. A second chimney, to form a pair flanking the center bay, was removed due to deterioration. The east and west gable ends are one-bay. The two-story, two-by-one-bay, gable roof, frame kitchen addition centered on the south (rear) facade has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. There are screened, shed roof one-story, two-bay porches across its east and west facades and a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable ridge. The addition was built early in the twentieth century. The main block has an "I" plan, with two rooms flanking a central hall on the first story and two on the second story. Southeast of the house is a one-story frame meat house on a cement foundation. It has a hip roof with a final.

Significance:

The Sansbury-Griffith House is a simple vernacular farmhouse with an "I" plan, located on hilly, open fields in a primarily rural section of Prince George's County. The house is significant because of its vernacular style and the fact that it has been owned by descendants of the Griffith family since 1899. The house was built between 1871 and 1878 by Richard H. Sansbury who acquired 100 acres of surrounding property with his father John M. Sansbury, in 1871. The house appears on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County but not on the 1861 Martenet map. The house and property were sold by Richard Sansbury in 1882 and acquired by Louis Griffith, a farmer, in 1899. The house and surrounding property still belongs to members of the Griffith family. Louis Griffith added the two room, two-story wing to the rear of the house early in the twentieth century.

Acreage: 1.11 acres

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Sansbury - Griffith Houseand/or common Griffith House**2. Location**street & number 8000 Croom - Station Road    not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro    vicinity of    congressional district 5state Maryland county Prince George's**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>  </u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> museum
			<u>  </u> park
			<u>  </u> private residence
			<u>  </u> religious
			<u>  </u> scientific
			<u>  </u> transportation
			<u>  </u> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)name Mary E. Griffithstreet & number Box 341 telephone no.:   city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2587street & number Main Street folio 533city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveystitle Historic Sites and Districts Plandate July 1981    federal    state       county    local   Jepository for survey records History Division M-NCPPCcity, town Riverdale state Md.

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Sansbury-Griffith House is on a small hill overlooking the Baltimore and Potomac railroad right-of-way running directly north of the house. The two-story frame, gable roof structure has a "T" shaped plan, the main block oriented toward the north, having a two-story wing centered on the rear facade, perpendicular to the main block.

The three-bay north (main) facade has a central entrance and a three-bay, screened entrance porch across the first story. The porch has turned posts and jigsaw brackets. There are two 6/6 double hung sash windows flanking the entrance, and three on the second story. There is a boxed wood cornice with kicks in the gable ends. The main block is German sided and rests on a parged brick foundation. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. There is a small interior corbelled brick chimney at the gable ridgeline, just west of the facade center. According to the owner a second chimney, which would have formed a pair flanking the center bay, was removed because it was deteriorated.

The east and west gable ends are one-bay, composed of a centered first and second story window. A concrete block, exterior chimney on the east facade was built when the interior chimney was removed.

The two-story, two-by-one-bay, gable roof, frame kitchen addition centered on the south (rear) facade has the same siding and cornice treatment as the main block. There are screened, shed roof one-story, two-bay porches placed symmetrically on its east and west facades. There is a corbelled brick interior chimney on the south gable ridge. The addition was built early in the twentieth century, according to the owner. The main block has an "I" plan, having two rooms flanking a central hall on the first story and two on the second story.

There is a metal trailer house immediately south east of the house. Also, southeast is one-story frame meat house on a cement foundation. It is covered with a deteriorated patterned tin covering and has a hip roof with a final. There is a complex of barns to the northeast, at the base of the hill.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
— prehistoric	— archeology-prehistoric	— community planning	— landscape architecture	— religion
— 1400–1499	— archeology-historic	— conservation	— law	— science
— 1500–1599	X agriculture	— economics	— literature	— sculpture
— 1600–1699	X architecture	— education	— military	— social/
X 1700–1799	— art	— engineering	— music	humanitarian
— 1800–1899	— commerce	— exploration/settlement	— philosophy	— theater
— 1900–	— communications	— industry	— politics/government	— transportation
		— invention		X other (specify) local history

Specific dates ca. 1871-78

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Land Records, HB 4:554.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid. JWB 1:413.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid. J.B. 4:395.

<sup>4</sup> Conversation with Eleanor Griffith, April 1985.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG 82B-6

See Notes, #8

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.11 acres

Tax Map 110-E-4 p. 63

Quadrangle name Upper Marlboro I

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate September 1981street & number 14743 Governor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
Sansbury Miller's House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Richard Sansbury House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
Croom Station Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Upper Marlboro				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Prince George's	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Ralph L. Ball				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
5924 Natasha Drive				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Berwyn Heights			Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Upper Marlboro			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
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	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>           (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored         </div> <div>           (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site         </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame building built on an L-plan. The main section has a small central chimney and a porch across the facade. The ell is also two stories and has a small internal end chimney.</p> <p>The house is probably the Miller's house for a mill at the foot of the hill.</p>	

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## 8. SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> itorion        | _____                                    |
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES****10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

19 Sept 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

**12.**

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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ESTATES

110065

LOT

FRANK J. PRINCIPE  
5004/181  
53.76 A  
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R-A

M.N.C.P.P.C  
5188/269  
12.41 A  
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LESTER L.  
LEHMAN  
5655/577  
5.89 A  
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MARY E.  
GRIFFITH  
ADM. 20094  
7.16 A  
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CARLYLE J. LANC  
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SNIDE W. SKINNER  
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M.J. BARTON  
5155/258  
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BARTON'S  
FIELDS  
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RICHARD H.  
ERVIN  
5087/576  
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RICHARD H.  
ERVIN SUB.  
LOT 1  
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RALPH L. BALL  
4061/636  
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CHARLES C. MADDOX  
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Sansbury-Griffith House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
April 1985  
East elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Sansbury-Griffith House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
April 1935  
South elevation  
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Sansbury-Griffith House  
Prince George's County, MD.  
Marina King  
April 1985  
North elevation  
Neg; Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.